Political Science 133D: Political Institutions of East Asia

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Tuesday and Thursday: 3:30 – 4:50
Cognitive Science Building #005

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Grades:
Your grade will be based on an in-class midterm examination (40% of your grade), and an in-class final examination (60% of your grade). The midterm will be in class on May 3rd, 2013, and the final will be June 10th, 2013, location TBD at 3:30 pm.

There will be no make-up exams given. If you cannot make either exam, please drop the course. In the case of extreme emergencies, exceptions may be made.

Academic Honesty:
Students are expected to do their own work. Any student caught cheating on an exam or plagiarizing an answer will receive a failing grade for that exam and will be referred to the university administration for sanction.

Re-grade Policy:
After the midterm, if you feel that you an error was made on your exam you may appeal. However, you must do so in writing. In the written appeal, you must include:

- Your original assignment
- Which question you are contesting
- An evaluation of your answer where you objectively state why your answer was more complete that we gave it credit for.
- What grade you would like to receive.

Note that your entire exam will be re-graded, and your grade may go down. Please give the written appeal to me. The deadline will be one week after you exams have been returned.

Readings:
There is one required text that is available for purchase at the UCSD bookstore: Stephan Haggard’s The Political Economy of the Asian Financial Crisis.

Readings marked with an *** are available on e-reserves. The password for that site is dt133d.

The remaining readings will be found on the course website at: ted.ucsd.edu.

You are responsible for all of the material in class and the readings. Some of the material does not overlap, but you are still responsible for knowing the material.

Questions
Ask them, ask them often. Ask them via email. And ask about anything you think is relevant. It is more fun that way.
Part I: Theoretical approaches to thinking about growth and performance

Week 1: Political Regimes and Performance

April 2: Class Introduction; Democracy and Economic Performance

April 4: Policy Architecture and Performance

Week 2: Economic Growth

April 9: Economic Policies and Growth
Rodrik, Dani (2005). “Growth Strategies” in Handbook of Economic Growth, Edited by Philippe Aghion and Steve Durlauf (I could also post to TED)

April 11th: NO CLASS

Week 3: Economic Growth Continued

April 16th: Asian Economic Miracle

Part II: Country Cases

Week 3: Japan

April 18th: Japanese Political Institutions Pre Reform

Week 4: Japan

April 23rd: Japanese Political Institutions: Post-reform

April 25th: Features of Japanese Economic Institutions: MITI

Week 5: Midterm and South Korea
April 30th: Political Economy of Economic Reform

May 3rd: IN CLASS MIDTERM

Week 6: South Korea Continued
May 7th: Features of South Korean Economic Institutions: Chaebol
*** Wonhyuk Lim (2003). The Emergence of the Chaebol and the Origins of the Chaebol Problem. in Economic Crisis and Corporate Restructuring in Korea

May 9th: Corruption

Week 7: China
May 14th: Chinese Political Institutions

May 16th: Chinese Economic Policy

Week 8: China
May 21st: Chinese Financial System
May 23rd: OPEN DATE. Catch up on material and review

Part III: Crisis and Reform

Week 9: Economic Crises

May 28th: Asian Financial Crisis

May 30th: Japanese Economic Crisis

Week 10:

June 4th: OPEN DATE. Catch up on material and review

June 6th: Conclusion

Final Exam: June 10th